



# The Mt. Daniel School Expansion

## Bond Referendum November 4th



### 7 Things You Need to Know About the Bond Referendum

- **THE BOND REFERENDUM WILL FUND...**

Classroom expansion to accommodate recent growth and modernization to comply with Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) requirements.

- **AMOUNT OF BONDS TO BE ISSUED...**

\$15.6 Million

- **FACTS TO CONSIDER...**

The current building is over capacity by more than 100 children. We no longer have a library, and we no longer have a music room. Both have been transformed into needed classrooms. Three additional classes are being held in trailers. All current space is being utilized. TJ is also crowded. The expansion will allow us to move 2nd grade to Mount Daniel.

- **NEW CONSTRUCTION WILL INCLUDE...**

Over 65,820 square feet (21,316 sqft remain intact) of brand-new classrooms, along with a new gymnasium, a separate new cafeteria, a new media center, and new day care offices.

- **THE BUILDING IS EXPECTED TO LAST...**

At least 50 years. As for capacity, enrollment projections are hard to make for children who have not been born.

- **IF WE DO NOT EXPAND AT MOUNT DANIEL...**

Second Grade will remain at Thomas Jefferson Elementary. Additional classroom space would need to be created at either Mount Daniel School, Thomas Jefferson or both. We would still invest in ADA upgrades and additional sprinklers. Outdoor space will be taken up by single-story trailers at Mount Daniel, Thomas Jefferson or both.

- **THE CITY'S FINANCING PLAN...**

The city has an array of financing options for all capital projects. Funds can come through many sources, including local taxes, the proceeds from the water system sale, proffers dedicated for school use from current development, and the sale of bonds.

### Questions and Answers

#### SAFETY AND SECURITY

- **Where will classes be held during construction?**  
The safety plan was a part of the Request for Proposals. Relocatable classroom buildings will house students on-site in temporary space during construction. Once the building is completed, students will move into the brand new classrooms.
- **Will this be more safe and secure?**  
Mount Daniel was built in 1952, before safety features such as cameras, buzzer entrances, and ADA compliance became today's standards. The new construction will address all of these issues, and also add sprinklers to a section of the building which currently is not sprinklered.

#### CONSTRUCTION

- **What is the Construction Schedule?**  
Permitting would begin immediately following approval of the Bond Referendum, followed by construction. Planned completion is October 2016.
- **What if trailers were placed on site instead of expanding the building?**  
Trailers have a useful life of approximately 15 years. Schools are built to last for 50. Thus trailers would need to be replaced almost 3.5 times over the next five decades.
- **What would it cost for a total tear down and replacement?**  
We are doing a total teardown of all old spaces. The only rooms remaining are less than 10 years old.
- **What about storm water?**  
Storm water management will be constructed to meet the Virginia Code, as part of the expansion.